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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: ADDITIONAL GOS IMPRESSIONS OF NAC

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1. SUMMARY. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS RETURN FROM COLOMBO AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON ASSIGNMENT TO KUALA LUMPUR GOS DELEGATION MEMBER AT NAC, KISHORE MAHBUBANI, PROVIDED EMBASSY OFFICER WITH OBSERVATIONS ON NAC WHICH SUPPLEMENT THOSE PROVIDED IN REFTELS. END SUMMARY.

2. KISHORE WAS OBVIOUSLY TIRED AND HARASSED ON AUGUST 30. HE WAS PHASING OUT OF HIS OLD MFA JOB AND PREPARING FOR HIS UNEXPECTED (AND NOT ALTOGETHER WELCOME TRANSFER) TO KUALA LUMPUR TWO DAYS LATER. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION, THEREFORE, QUESTIONS CENTERED ON SUBJECTS NOT ADDRESSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM PUBLICLY (REF A) OR IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR (REF B).

3. KOREA -- EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED HOW SUCH AN EXTREME RE-
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SOLUTION, ON WHICH ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF NAM MEMBERS HAD UL-

TIMATLEY FILED RESERVATIONS, COULD BE DECLARED AS REPRESENTING A CONSENSUS. KISHORE SINGLED OUT INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO POLITICAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THE GROUPS'S CHAIRMAN (TANZANIAN PERM REP TO UN SALIM) AS VILLAINS OF THE PIECE. SALIM REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT CONSENSUS DID IN FACT EXIST, BECAUSE ALL FAVORED (A) AVOIDANCE OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES; (B) WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM PENINSULA; (C) REPLACEMENT OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BY A PEACE TREATY; AND (D) PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSED THAT EXTREME RESOLUTION BE ACCEPTED BUT THAT MEMBERS BE ABLE TO RESERVE (KUALA LUMPUR 5026). KISHORE APPARENTLY CONSIDERED LATTER PROPOSAL EVEN MORE OBJECTIONABLE THAN SALIM'S ACTION, TERMING IT "BLATANTLY AMORAL".

4. PUERTO RICO --EMBASSY OFFICER INQUIRED WHETHER GOS HAD FILED RESERVATION TO PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE IN POLITICAL DECLARATION AS RAJA HAD PROMISED AMBASSADOR (REF B). KISHORE SAID GOS HAD NOT YET (AS OF AUGUST 30) RECEIVED DEFINITIVE TEXT OF P.R. LANGUAGE AND HAD NOT, CONSEQUENTLY, SUBMITTED RESERVATION. EMBOFF WILL FOLLOW-UP ON THIS AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY.

5. ECONOMIC ISSUES--KISHOE SAID THAT GOS VIEWED SRI LANKAN PROPOSALS FOR THIRD WORLD COMMERCIAL BANK AND CURRENCY UNIT AS IMPRACTICAL AND PROBABLY AS NOT CAPABLE OF REALIZATION SINCE NECESSARY BACKING OF NAM OPEC STATES WAS DOUBTFUL. FIRST EXPLICIT REFERENCE IN ECONOMIC DECLARATION TO "INDEXATION" WAS, HOWEVER, OF CONCERN TO SOME IN GOS WHO FEARED IT COULD SIGNAL INCREASED PRESSURE FOR INCLUSION OF SUCH A CONCEPT IN FORTHCOMING COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

6. NAC ORGANIZATION AND NAM LEADERSHIP --KISHORE GAVE SRI LANKANS BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT, SAYING CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS AND ORGANIZATION "WERE NOT BAD AND CERTAINLY MUCH BETTER THAN WE HAD EXPECTED". HE ECHOED HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S OVERALL FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF NAC, ADDING THAT NAM HAD BECOME LARGELY AFRO-ARAB ORGANIZATION IN WHICH COUNTRIES FROM OTHER REGIONS, UNLESS THEY POSSESSED LEADERSHIP STATUS LIKE INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, WERE RELEGATED TO SUBSIDIARY ROLE.
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